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SUBJECT: INTERNATIONAL VISITORS

1. MESSRS HARAG, REBREANU, AND SIPOS RETURN TO BUCHAREST
1445 HRS NOV 26, UPON COMPLETION OF 28-DAY PROGRAMS.
HIGHLIGHTS OF THEIR PROGRAMS:

2. MR. HARAG'S INTERESTS QUITE NATURALLY CENTERED AROUND
THEATRE, AND HE SAW MORE THAN 15 PRODUCTIONS HERE. AT
ARENA STAGE, ARAG HAD WARM AND OPEN EXCHANGE WITH
DIRECTOR AND CAST OF IBSEN'S "ENEMY OF THE PEOPLE." IN
NEW YORK, ALLAN SCHNEIDER OF JULLIARD SCHOOL WAS
ESPECIALLY GOOD HOST. HIGH POINT OF STAY IN SAN FRANCISCO
WAS SEEING VIBRANT MUSICAL "REVIVAL OF THE BLUES." ALSO
HAD GOOD MEETING WITH DIRECTORS OF MARK TAPER FORUM IN
LOS ANGELES, AND CHILDREN'S THEATRE IN MINNEAPOLIS.
DESPITE THESE GOOD PROFESSIONAL CONTACTS, IT WAS DIFFICULT
TO KEEP HARAG ON SUBSTANTIVE TRACK AS HE CANCELED NUMEROUS
OTHER APPOINTMENTS IN ORDER TO PURSUE PERSONAL INTERESTS.
HARAG ALSO CANGED MUCH OF HIS PROGRAM TO COINCIDE WITH
THAT OF VASILE REBREANU. THIS UNFORTUNATELY CONFUSED
SOME LOCAL SPONSORS WHO SOMETIMES MISTAKENLY ARRANGED
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JOINT RATHER THAN SEPARATE APPOINTMENTS FOR THEM.

3. REBREANU WAS QUITE HAPPY WITH HIS VISIT. IN NEW YORK, HE ATTENDED MONTHLY PEN CLUB RECEPTION WHERE HE HAD INTERESTING DISCUSSION WITH AMERICAN AUTHORS. ALSO, MET WITH SEVERAL PUBLISHERS WHO PAINTED FRANK AND GRIM PICTURE FOR PROSPECTS OF PUBLISHING TRANSLATIONS OF ROMANIAN WORKS IN U.S. IN CHICAGO, REBREANU HAD GOOD TALK WITH PROF MIRCEA ELIADE AND ATTENDED FORMAL OPENING AND LUNCHEON FOR ROMANIAN RUG AND TAPESTRY EXHIBIT. ANOTHER NOTABLE MEETING WAS WITH PUBLISHERS OF PLAYBOY MAGAZINE WHO, ACCORDING TO ESCORT-INTERPRETER, SHOWED INTEREST IN EXPLORING POSSIBILITIES FOR PUBLISHING SPECIALLY EDITED PLAYBOY FOR ROMANIAN READERS. IN MIAMI, REBREANU GAVE TALK ON COMMON MOTIVATIONS IN AMERICAN AND ROMANIAN LITERATURE TO GATHERING OF LOCAL ROMANIAN COMMUNITY. REBREANU TOLD US HE PLANS TO WRITE AND PUBLISH IN ROMANIA AN ACCOUNT OF HIS VISIT IN COMMEMORATION OF BICENTENNIAL.

4. BOTH HARAG AND REBREANU WERE PUZZLED WHY THEY RECEIVED PER DIEM FOR 28 DAYS, RATHER THAN 29 OR 30. DESPITE NUMEROUS EXPLANATIONS BY US HOW PER DIEM SYSTEM WORKS THEY WERE STILL UNHAPPY, AND POSSIBLE THEY MAY RAISE THIS WITH EMBASSY UPON RETURN.

5. PROF SIPOS WAS ABLE TO SEE SHIPYARDS (AVONDALE AND BOSTON) AND SEVERAL TYPES OF FOOD PROCESSING PLANTS (SHRIMP CANNERY AND MEAT-PACKING PLANT), BUT FOUND THAT ONLY MIT HAD SPECIALIZED COURSES PARALLELLING THOSE AT IS UNIVERSITY IN SHIP-BUILDING MANAGEMENT. NONETHELESS, HE VISITED U. OF MICHIGAN'S DEPT OF NAVAL ARCHITECTURE AND MARINE ENGINEERING AND HAD INTERESTING TOUR OF NAVAL POSTGRADUATE SCHOOL AT MONTEREY, CALIF. SIMILARLY, HE FOUND NO UNIVERSITY PROGRAMS COMPARABLE TO FOOD TECHNOLOGY OFFERED AT UNIV OF GALATI, BUT VISITS TO FOOD PROCESSING PLANTS IN NEW ORLEANS AND CHICAGO OFFERED BASES FOR COMPARISON. SIPOS ALSO MET WITH ECONOMISTS AT HARVARD, NORTHEASTERN UNIVERSITY, AND STANFORD. KISSINGER

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